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Applicant: Anthony E. BOLTON, et al.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for a one-month extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely. The extension fee for response within the first month for a small entity is \$60.00. A check for this amount is enclosed herewith.

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed 12 December 2006, Applicants hereby elect Group I, claim 20, drawn to a method of claim 2, wherein the endothelin-related disorder is primary pulmonary hypertension, for examination.

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Applicants note that claims 1-19 link the inventions of Groups I, II and III. Accordingly, upon allowance of any of the linking claims, the restriction requirement should be withdrawn and the presently withdrawn claims examined on the merits.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0872. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 50-0872.

Respectfully submitted,

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